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Applicants : James C. Rush et al
Appln. No. : 09/800,006
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For : POST AND BEAM FURNITURE SYSTEM

Art Unit : 3635
Examiner : Yvonne M. Horton

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	* 40	Minus	** 57	= 0	x \$9	\$	x \$ 18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	* 5	Minus	*** 7	= 0	x \$43	\$	x \$ 86	\$0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						x \$145	x \$290	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$		\$0.00

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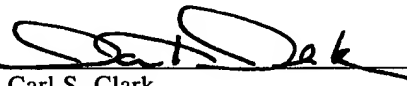
1. Small entity status of this application 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2. X No additional fee is required.
3. A check in the amount of \$.00 is attached.
4. X Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16 2463. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. RUSH ET AL

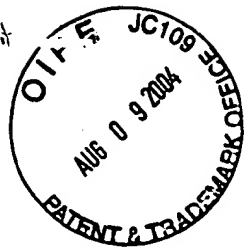
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

In response to the Office action dated March 5, 2004, Applicants request that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this reply.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 16 of this reply.